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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 7210
Gary Karlin Michelson	)	
Serial No.: 10/098,683	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: March 15, 2002	)	Examiner: Uyen T. Ho
For: SPINAL IMPLANT CONTAINING	)	
BONE MORPHOGENETIC	)	
PROTEIN	)	

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Final Office Action of November 25, 2005, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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